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MIETHE of the Technological Institute of Charlottenburg will go to the island of Alsten on the Norwegian coast, where the path of totality first touches the European continent.

Excellent progress is being made in the preliminary work of the establishment of the Cawthron Observatory in New Zealand for work in solar physics and allied problems. Professor EVERSLED, of the observatory at Kodaikanal, has spent several months in New Zealand in consultation with the donor, Mr. CAWTHRON, as to the aims and equipment of the new observatory, and in investigating the various sites available. A site has not yet been definitely selected, but it will be at some elevation in the vicinity of Nelson. The need of such an observatory in the southern hemisphere has long been recognized, and the new Cawthron Observatory will fill a definite and useful field.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN
ROOM 2 OF THE STUDENTS' OBSERVATORY, BERKE-
LEY, ON MARCH 28, 1914, AT 7:30 P. M.

There were present President CRAWFORD and Directors TOWNLEY, BURCKHALTER, CORNISH, BAIRD, and RICHARDSON.

The name of Mr. LUDWIG SCHWIERS, JR., was submitted for membership. Unanimously elected.

The Secretary read a letter from Professor WM. T. FOSTER, President of Reed College, Portland, Oregon, inviting members of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific to be the guests of Reed College at a dinner in Portland on the evening of May 20th, which entertainment was to be given in connection with the meeting of the Pacific Association of Scientific Societies in Seattle on May 21st. It was decided that no formal delegation would represent the Astronomical Society of the Pacific on that occasion, but a vote of thanks was extended to Professor FOSTER and the Faculty of Reed College for their courteous invitation.

The matter of inserting advertisements in the *Publications* of the Society came up for consideration and it was the opinion of those present that something might be done in that line to augment the revenues of the Society. The Secretary was instructed to look into the matter and ascertain if such action would impair in any way the right of our *Publication* to second-class postal rates.

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The following minute was adopted in tribute to the memory of the late Professor EDWARD S. HOLDEN:—

EDWARD SINGLETON HOLDEN, who died on March 16, 1914, was the founder of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, its first President, and the Chairman of its first Committee on Publication. To his organizing ability and his wise counsel, the Society owes not only its inception but also its rapid growth and its development into a definite force for the advancement of the science of astronomy. It was mainly at his suggestion that the funds for the Alexander Montgomery Library and for the Donohoe Comet-Medal were given to the Society, and it was due to his influence that Miss CATHERINE WOLF BRUCE made the Society the trustee for administering the Bruce Medal funds. The statutes governing the award of this medal, which have made the award one of the highest honors which an astronomer can receive, were originated by him. As long as his residence in California continued, he devoted time and thought earnestly and unselfishly to the promotion of the prosperity and influence of the Society.

In token of our gratitude for his devoted service, of our respect for his great ability, and of our sincere and deep regret at his death, we, the Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, enter this simple note upon our minutes.

We further direct that in future the List of Members of the Society be headed:

EDWARD SINGLETON HOLDEN, FOUNDER.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF
THE PACIFIC IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF STUDENTS'
OBSERVATORY, BERKELEY, ON MARCH
28, 1914, AT 8:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by President CRAWFORD, who introduced, as the speaker of the evening Dr. S. D. TOWNLEY, of Stanford, who delivered an instructive and exceedingly interesting address on the subject of "Some Recent Advances in the Study of Variable Stars."

At the close of the address the members present were invited to inspect the Bruce Gold Medal of the Society, which had just been received from the French Mint and duly engraved with the name of Professor O. BACKLUND, our medalist for the current year.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.